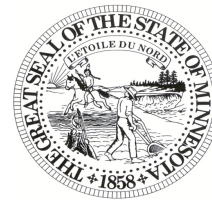




**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
Office of Energy Security



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE, DRAFT SITE  
PERMIT ISSUANCE  
AND  
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**In the Matter of the enXco Development Corporation, Application for a Large Wind  
Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the Nobles Wind Project in Nobles County**

**LWECS Site Permit Application  
PUC Docket Number: IP6646/WS-09-584**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) staff will hold a public information meeting on the application by enXco Development Corporation to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Site Permit for the Nobles Wind Project, a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) of approximately 201 megawatts (MW) to be located in Larkin, Summit Lake, Olney and Dewald Townships in Nobles County, west of Reading and approximately 6 miles Northwest of Worthington.

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**Thursday, October 15, 2009 – 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.  
at  
Reading Community Center  
McCall Ave and 200<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, MN**

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The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information about the proposed Project and to take public comment and input on the enXco Development Corporation, site permit application and the draft site permit issued by the Commission. EFP staff will provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the draft site permit. Representatives of enXco Development Corporation will be present to answer questions about the Project.

Prior to the public information meetings, the Applicant will host open houses beginning at **1:00 p.m.** and **6:30 p.m.** at the same location.

## **Project Description**

The Project will consist of up to 134 General Electric wind turbine generators, about 80 meters high (262 feet), each generating approximately 1.5 megawatts (MW) of electricity. The rotor diameter will be 77 meters (253 feet). The maximum overall height of the wind turbines will be approximately 118.5 meters (389 feet) above grade when one blade is in the vertical position. A map showing the project boundary is attached. The Project also requires a number of associated facilities including access roads, a permanent meteorological tower, an underground electrical collection system, a project substation, and a connection to the electric transmission system. The Applicant anticipates that the Project will ultimately require approximately 140 acres for all the facilities. The Applicant expects to begin construction on the Project in 2010 and to place it in operation by December 31, 2010.

## **Project Review Process**

enXco Development Corporation filed an LWECS Site Permit Application with the Commission on July 22, 2009. The Commission accepted this application on August 11, 2009, and authorized the issuance of a draft Site Permit on October 1, 2009. The application and draft site permit are available from the web site and contacts listed below. Landowners and governments within the site boundary have received an application directly from the Applicant and will be sent a copy of the Draft Site Permit.

The EFP staff is responsible for the public participation process for the Site Permit Application, and is now initiating the public participation process under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7836). Upon completion of the public participation process, the EFP staff will present the record of this matter to the Commission for a final permit decision.

### ***Public Comments***

Interested persons may comment orally at the public meeting on the application and the draft site permit and on the Project. In addition, written comments may also be submitted to the Office of Energy Security by the close of business (**4:30 p.m.) on November 4, 2009**. Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax, email, or directly on line at the PUC website maintained for this project (see below). Please include the project docket number (**IP6646/WS-09-584**) on all written comments. All comments should be directed to Larry Hartman at the address below.

### ***Contested Case Hearing Request***

Any person may request a more formal contested case hearing on the site permit proceeding for the LWECS pursuant to Minnesota Rules part 7836.0900. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Mr. Hartman in writing by 4:30 p.m. on November 4, 2009. The person requesting the contested case hearing must list the issues sought to be addressed in the hearing and the reason why a contested case hearing is required to resolve those issues. The Commission shall order a contested case hearing if it finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the contested case hearing will aid it in making a final decision on whether to authorize construction of the Project. Upon completion of the public participation and hearing process, the record created will be presented to the Commission for final decisions on the Application.

## **Eminent Domain for enXco**

enXco Development Corporation does not have the power of eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights for the Project. Wind and land rights necessary to build the facility must be in the form of voluntary easements or lease agreements between individual landowners and the Applicant.

## **Project Contacts and Information**

For more information about the process, the Project or to place your name on the Project mailing list, contact the persons listed below. Other contact information: Toll-Free Tel: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Service, 800-627-3529, and ask for the DOC.

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The site permit application and other documents relevant to the proposed project are available on the Commission's website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24616> and on the Department of Commerce's eDocket website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the docket number 09-584).

The site permit application and draft site permit are also available for review at the public library in, Worthington, the Auditor's Office in Nobles County, and the city offices in Reading. Landowners and governments inside the LWECS Project boundary have been mailed a copy of the Site Permit Application and will be mailed a copy of the draft site permit directly from the Applicant.

Persons interested in adding their names to the project mailing list should contact the OES project manager or public advisor, or register online at the above PUC site.

Questions about the Project and site permit application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Jinnie Hall, Tel: (612) 746-0770; [jinnieh@enXco.com](mailto:jinnieh@enXco.com)

